

16 schools to be honored for students' academic achievement

Secretary of Education Susan Bunting will recognize 16 schools from across the state for their students' academic achievement on Monday, Dec. 10.

The students showed exceptional performance on state tests or made remarkable progress in closing the achievement gaps between student groups, including those from low-income families, racial minority groups and students with disabilities.

Each building named a 2018 Recognition School will receive an \$8,000 award. Funding for the awards comes from the state's School Improvement funds. One building was named a School of Continued Excellence because it earned Recognition School honors last year and had outstanding performance again this year. It is not eligible for a financial award again until 2019. Two buildings also will be recognized as National ESEA Distinguished Schools.

The Recognition School awards were created by legislation passed by the Delaware General Assembly in 2009.

Representatives from all of the honored schools will gather at 1 p.m. Dec. 10 at Clayton Intermediate School for the award ceremony. The event is open to the media. The school is located at 86 Sorrento Drive in Clayton.

2018 winners:

- Campus Community Charter School, Dover, Recognition School
 - Heidi Green, Head of School
- Clayton Elementary School, Smyrna School District, Recognition School
 - Katherine Wood, Principal
- Clayton Intermediate School, Smyrna School District, Recognition School
 - David Paltrineri, Principal
- Robert S. Gallaher Elementary School, Christina School District, Recognition School
 - Erin Cassel, Principal
- Albert H. Jones Elementary School, Christina School District, Recognition School
 - Shevena Cale, Principal
- Long Neck Elementary School, Indian River School District, Recognition School
 - Clara Conn, Principal
- Marbrook Elementary School, Red Clay School District, Recognition School
 - Melissa Phillips, Principal
- Millsboro Middle School, Indian River School District, Recognition School
 - Jessica Jackson, Principal
- Mispillion Elementary School, Milford School District, Recognition School
 - Teresa Wallace, Principal
- Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School, Caesar Rodney School District, Recognition School
 - Darisa Everett, Principal
- North Smyrna Elementary School, Smyrna School District, School of Continued Excellence
 - Stephanie Smeltzer, Principal
- Seaford Central Elementary School, Seaford School District, Recognition School
 - Becky Neubert, Principal
- Silver Lake Elementary School, Appoquinimink School District, Recognition School

- Christy Boyd, Principal
- Sunnyside Elementary School, Smyrna School District, Recognition School
 - Michael Grant, Principal
- West Park Place Elementary School, Christina School District, National ESEA Distinguished and Recognition School
 - Ledonnis Hernandez and Tracy Novack, Principals
- Etta J. Wilson Elementary School, Christina School District, National ESEA Distinguished and Recognition School
 - Natalie Birch, Principal